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SUBJ: LE MONDE REPORTS YUGOSLAV AMNESTY IN PREPARATION

- 1. LE MONDE APRIL 19 REPORTS TITO'S CLOSE CROATIAN ASSOCIATE, VLADIMIR BAKARIC, GAVE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS UNUSUAL THREE-HOUR INTERVIEW IN ZAGREB APRIL 16.
- 2. FOLLOWING AMONG MAIN DOMESTIC POINTS REPORTED:
- --AN AMNESTY OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PREPARATION;

--YUGOSLAV LEAGUE OF COMMUNISTS PREPARED TO RESTORE MEMBERSHIP TO THOSE EXCLUDED IN '71 AND '72 PROVIDED THEY ACCEPT ITS PROGRAM;

--DJILAS WILL NOT GET NEW PASSPORT, PARTLY TO SPARE HIM RENEWED PRISON SENTENCE WHICH HE MIGHT GET FOR THE "HABITUAL EXCESSES" HE COMMITS WHEN HE GOES

ABROAD.

--TITO'S SUCCESSION NEED NOT BE DISCUSSED BECAUSE YUGOSLAVIA HAS A STABLE SOCIETY AND A UNITED PARTY.

3. ON FOREIGN POLICY SIDE, BAKARIC REPORTEDLY:

--REITERATED GOY REJECTION OF ADDITIONAL SAFE-GUARDS ON THE KRSKO NUCLEAR PLANT; SAID HEAD OF CROATIAN GOVERNMENT WAS IN US TO DISCUSS PROBLEM; AND REFERRED TO GOY DESIRE TO EXTRICATE ITSELF FROM THE "MONOPOLY" ON NUCLEAR ENERGY PRODUCTION EXERCISED BY THE NUCLEAR POWERS.

--MILDLY CRITICIZED INTERFERENCE BY FRANCE AND OTHERS IN ZAIRE, ADDING THIS WAS COMPLEX PROBLEM ON WHICH HE DID NOT WISH TO COMMENT.

--SAID GOY-SOVIET RELATIONS WERE PROGRESSING FAVORABLY IN WAKE OF BREZHNEV'S VISIT, AFTER TWO LEADERS HAD "FRANKLY SET FORTH THEIR POINTS OF AGREEMENT AND DISAGREEMENT."

--STATED THAT INTER-BALKAN COOPERATION WAS STAGNATING BECAUSE OF BULGARIAN FOOT-DRAGGING. GOY WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONTINUE TALKS WITH SOFIA IF BULGARIAN POSITIONS REFLECTED SOME EVOLUTION. OTHERWISE, NEW TALKS WOULD HAVE LITTLE SENSE.

--AS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, GOY THINKS PROBLEM NOT BEING HANDLED CORRECTLY, BUT DOES NOT THINK IT CONSTITUTES DANGER FOR BELGRADE CONFERENCE.

4. LE MONDE ACCOUNT WAS FILED BY PAUL YANKOVITCH FROM BELGRADE.

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